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In re Patent Application of: James L. Hendrix et al.

Atty Docket No. TWI-24110

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For: TECHNIQUES FOR REDUCING OPTICAL NOISE IN METROLOGY SYSTEMS

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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Petition for extension of time. The undersigned attorney of record hereby petitions for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), as may be required, to file this response.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 13, 2006, Applicants respond as follows:

In the Office Action, the Examiner identified two distinct groups of inventions, namely Group I (claims 1-44) drawn to an apparatus and method for optically inspecting a sample, and Group II (claims 45-47) drawn to a method for fabricating an optical component.

In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I claims 1-44 without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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